(b) and (c) The agreement would be valid for five years with the possibility of an automatic extension if mutually agreed by the parties.

(d) and (e) The agreement is aimed at increased cooperation in the areas of Human Resource Development for IT education and IT based education, Software development, Exploring third party markets, E-commerce and E-governance, Internet applications, Manufacture, design and trade of IT and Electronics hardware which will enable Indian industry to penetrate the European markets.

Poor condition of communication services in U.P.

2994. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether communication facilities/services in U.P. are in poor condition;

(b) whether telephone lines, capacity for various routes/places is inadequate and the callers have to wait for long to get connected to the desired number, especially during peak hours; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase line capacity of various routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Monitoring of traffic is a regular feature in the management of telecom services. As and when there is an increase in traffic, additional lines/circuits and added to the system as per requirement.